

Senate Joint Resolution 3 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa limiting years of service for members
3 of the general assembly.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 1. Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the State
4 of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 **Sec. 3. Representatives.** The members of the house of
6 representatives shall be chosen every second year, by the
7 qualified electors of their respective districts, and their
8 term of office shall commence on the first day of January next
9 after their election, and continue two years, and until their
10 successors are elected and qualified. A person shall not be
11 elected for a term as representative if the term would result
12 in the person serving more than a total of twenty years as
13 a member of the general assembly. This limitation on years
14 of service applies to terms of office beginning on or after
15 January 1, 2029.

16 2. Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution of the State
17 of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

18 **Sec. 5. Senators — qualifications.** Senators shall be
19 chosen for the term of four years, at the same time and place as
20 representatives; they shall be twenty-five years of age, and
21 possess the qualifications of representatives as to residence
22 and citizenship. A person shall not be elected for a term
23 as senator if the term would result in the person serving
24 more than a total of twenty years as a member of the general
25 assembly. This limitation on years of service applies to terms
26 of office beginning on or after January 1, 2029.

27 **Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION.** The foregoing proposed
28 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
29 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
30 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be
31 published as provided by law for three months previous to the
32 date of that election.

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EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State of Iowa limiting years of service
3 for persons elected to the office of representative or senator
4 in the general assembly. The amendment provides that a member
5 of the house of representatives or the senate shall not serve
6 more than 20 years as a member of the general assembly. The
7 amendment applies to terms of office beginning on or after
8 January 1, 2029.

9 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next
10 general assembly for adoption before being submitted to the
11 electorate for ratification.